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FBI HQ to Move “Expeditiously,” With Occupancy Planned for 2036

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) “intends to expeditiously move forward” with the new FBI Headquarters in Greenbelt, states a new report. It will utilize the GSA’s existing balance of approximately \$845 million and submit further requests in future fiscal years “for construction and fit out activities.” Despite the Inspector General’s ongoing probe, President Biden’s budget included \$3.5 billion in funding for the project (see the March 21 issue), which will help the project press ahead.

As required within 180 days of selecting a site, the GSA has submitted a report on the new FBI Headquarters to the Appropriations Committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate, the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works. According to that report, the site will comprise approximately 2.1 million rentable square feet (excluding parking) to bring together

employees from the current headquarters at the J. Edgar Hoover Building in D.C. (a building the report describes as “failing” and “obsolete”) and an estimated eight other leased locations across the National Capital Region on the 61-acre site in Greenbelt. The new headquarters is planned to accommodate a minimum of 7,500 personnel.

Timeline

It will be more than a decade before those personnel occupy the headquarters, however. The timeline for the project anticipates a design phase to occur from 2026 to 2028 and construction to take place from 2029 to 2035. Occupancy is slated for 2036. (For comparison, construction began on the J. Edgar Hoover Building in March 1965 and it was occupied in 1974.)

The report states that the headquarters will follow laws and regulations related to sustainable design and “ensure that the

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Senior Skip Day Ends in Tragic Shooting at Schrom Hills Park

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

Friday, April 19 was Senior Skip Day for Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS) senior students. This year the day ended in an eruption of violence at Schrom Hills Park, leaving five teens shot, two of whom remain in the hospital. The day is a tradition dating back decades in which seniors skip school for a day sometime during their finals weeks of classes and gather to have fun together. It’s not organized or sanctioned by PGCPS but it’s well known and recurs each spring. One parent said flyers about the day had been circulating in area high schools.

Hundreds of students, from a variety of county schools, gathered earlier Friday afternoon in Bowie. The crowd of 500 to 600 young people was dispersed from their gathering there and reconvened at Greenbelt’s Schrom Hills Park. Greenbelt did not have any warning from other agencies about the potential large gathering prior to it happening.



PHOTO BY CATHERINE HOLLINGSWORTH/THE BOWIE SUN

Greenbelt Police vehicles block the entrance beyond the police tape at Schrom Hills Park following the shooting there on Friday.

Those participating in Senior Skip Day included Eleanor Roosevelt High School students and “probably almost every school in the county,” said Chief

Richard Bowers of Greenbelt Police Department. The students likely used text messages and social media to communicate the locations to convene.

The police ask anyone who may have witnessed the incident or have any footage to submit it by scanning the QR code. This will help the police to identify the person responsible for the shooting.



Schrom Hills Public

Around 2:30 p.m. officers from Greenbelt Police Department, Prince George’s County

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Inside Greenbelt’s Animal Shelter: Unique for a City, a Labor of Love

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

April 30 is Adopt a Shelter Pet Day. This week we bring you a closer look at Greenbelt’s Animal Shelter, which hasn’t been open to visitors since the pandemic, as well as some of the animals awaiting homes there.

The Greenbelt Animal Shelter opened in 2007. It was to be a temporary structure, in place until Prince George’s County opened what would be the Northwest Branch Shelter to serve College Park, Beltsville, Greenbelt, Laurel and nearby cities. That shelter fell through and almost 20 years later, Greenbelt’s small shelter is still here. “No other city gets this. It’s a labor of love,” says Supervisor Walter Rivas-Flores.

Helping Who They Can

“We help who we can but we can’t help everyone,” says Rivas-



PHOTO BY ANNA BEDFORD-DILLOW

Greenbelt’s small animal shelter

Flores, which he finds one of the most difficult aspects of running a shelter. “That’s difficult to grapple with, not just for us, but for the public because people just expect us to help [with] everything. ‘You’re the animal shelter, we should be able to bring whatever to you and you can figure it out,’” he explained. He shows me a part of the fence, where the wires at the top have been bent down by people who want to throw animals over to get them in. Rivas-Flores is sympathetic; he understands people are desperate. “We do the best we can with the little we have,” he says, noting the Greenbelt shelter is so tiny – smaller than most one-bedroom apartments – and the need is so great. They can house

six dogs and 15 cats at any given time. The average wait time for a cat to get adopted is about 34 days. And the average time for a dog is about 55 days. The wait-list for owner-surrenders of cats to the shelter is currently 22 cats deep and someone looking to surrender either a cat or dog would likely be waiting months until space is available. “Across the nation, shelters are overcrowded, understaffed and don’t have ability to help [more]. Shelters and rescues are overburdened,” said Rivas-Flores. Currently the Prince George’s County shelter, the only other shelter in our county, has suspended intake of owner-surrendered dogs until at least the

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Antenna-on-a-Stick to Provide Cell Coverage During Water Tower Fix

by Cathie Meetre

In a worksession on Tuesday, April 9, Greenbelt City Council heard how the replacement of the water tower near the intersection of Lastner Lane and Ridge Road means that the T-Mobile cell-phone antenna must be temporarily relocated to continue effective cellphone and data service to Greenbelt. Tim Dwyer, a representative of the company NB+C, which acts as agent for T-Mobile in accomplishing this, was on hand to discuss the temporary relocation. He noted several times that the discussion was specifically about T-Mobile’s antenna and not WSSC’s activities. Planning and Community Development budget items from this meeting are covered in a separate story.

Temporary Monopole

Prior to water tower work beginning, a 110-foot-tall monopole tower (“antenna-on-a-stick”) will be erected several yards northwest of the 80-foot-tall water tower itself. It will be positioned near the

Ridge Road right-of-way and the water tower, off the unpaved section of Ridge Road as it curves southwest toward the Lakeside North apartments and the Greenbelt Police Station. Once the water tower work is done, the antenna will be returned to the

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PHOTO BY TERRI HRUBY

An example of a temporary phone antenna

What Goes On

Monday, April 29

7:30 p.m., City Council Budget Worksession: Public Safety, Municipal Building

Wednesday, May 1

7:30 p.m., Council Worksession: Greenbelt Center City HOAs/COAs, Municipal Building

See the meetings calendar on page 5 or visit greenbeltnmd.gov for more information.

Letters to the Editor

Enjoyed Story

I enjoyed reading the two-part article about Greenbelt kids who left, came back, and now live in their childhood homes. I grew up in Greenbelt but never left, and although I don't live in my childhood home I've lived in just about every type of housing in town and recently became a GHI member.

My parents, older brother, and I came to Greenbelt in 1962 when my father took a job at Goddard Space Flight Center. We lived in the red brick apartments behind Co-op for a few months, then a three-bedroom GHI unit on Crescent Road for several years. After the first of my two younger sisters was born my parents bought one of the Fred Baluch-built houses on Lakeside Drive – the other one with a bomb shelter. After graduating from the University of Maryland I shared an apartment in Lakeside North, then lived in an apartment at the intersection of Southway and Crescent roads, and finally moved into my current two-bedroom frame home on Ridge Road.

I've always felt that Greenbelt kids are luckier than kids who grow up someplace else. My siblings, our friends and I learned to swim at the outdoor pool, attended Camp Pine Tree, watched the fireworks at the lake, and safely rode our bikes or walked to playgrounds all over town. The Labor Day Festival marked the end of summer, but we had Halloween, the lighting of the town tree and menorah, and sledding on the hill behind the Youth Center to look forward to in fall and winter. Spring brought the town Easter egg hunt, and then summer came around again. Growing up in Greenbelt was special, and I look forward to growing old(er) here too. Thanks for the memories.

Marie Unger

Lost Jacket Now Home

Thank you to the considerate Greenbelter who enabled a lost jacket to find its way home. The search for the missing jacket was easy, thanks to your thoughtfulness. Enjoy your walks.

Becky French







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APRIL 26th - MAY 2nd

Challengers (R) (CC) (DVS)
(2024) (131 mins)
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Fri. 8:00 PM
Sat. 4:00 PM
Sun. 2:00 PM (OC)
Tues. 7:45 PM
Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Fri. 5:00 PM
Mon. 1:45 PM
Wed. 7:45 PM
Thurs. 7:30 PM

Love Lies Bleeding (R) (CC)
(DVS) (2024) (104 mins)
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Fri. 5:15 PM
Sun. 5:15 PM
Mon. 5:00 PM
Wed. 5:45 PM
Thurs. 8:00 PM
Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Sat. 7:00 PM
Sun. 2:15 PM
Tues. 8:00 PM

Remembering Gene Wilder
(NR) (CC) (DVS) (2024)
(92 mins)
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Mon. 2:00 PM (OC)
Wed. 8:15 PM
Thurs. 5:45 PM
Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Fri. 8:15 PM
Sat. 4:45 PM
Sun. 5:00 PM
Mon. 4:45 PM
Tues. 5:45 PM

Ali: Fear Eats the Soul
(NR) (1974) (94 mins)
Film in Focus | Led by Dr. Hester Baer | Capped at 25
Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Mon. 7:00 PM

The Rocky Horror Picture Show (R) (1975) (98 mins)
Sponsored by the Greenbelt HONK! Situation
Shadowcast: The Potomac Playmakers
NO OUTSIDE PROPS!
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Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Sat. 8:00 PM

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PETE REPPERT



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- News Review, April 29, 2021




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Office is currently closed to the public. Please phone or email.
GNR external office door mail slot is located up a few stairs 25 yards left of the Community Center's east door near the municipal building.

Community Events

At the Library

Regular hours for the Greenbelt Library are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays; noon to 8 p.m., Tuesdays and Wednesdays; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays; and 1 to 5 p.m., Sundays. Face masks are recommended for all customers over the age of 2.

A Doll Diorama

Monday, April 22 through Friday, April 26. All Ages. The Amicette Club, a youth program of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Tau Delta Zeta Chapter, has created specialized doll dioramas inspired by Black women and girls, notable and unsung. This storytelling activity is a creative expression of history and positive influence.

Storytimes

Friday, April 26, 11:15 a.m., ages 2 to 3. Register at pgcmls.info/event/10196416.

Monday, April 29, 10:15 a.m., ages newborn to 2. Register at pgcmls.info/event/10196395.

Wednesday, May 1, 12:15 p.m., ages 3 to 5. Register at pgcmls.info/event/10356783.

Books at Bedtime

Wednesday, May 1, 6:30 p.m., ages newborn to 3. Stories, music and activities for children with and without special needs. Presented by the PGCPs Infants and Toddlers Program for up to 12 community families. Register at pgcmls.info/event/10356797.

Talk Health

Friday, April 26, 11 a.m. ages 18+ adults. University of Maryland School of Nursing students, will check blood pressure; bring your medications for a personalized review.

Friday, April 26, 12:30 p.m., ages 18+. Bring lunch for a learning opportunity to discuss stress management. There will be a short presentation followed by an opportunity for discussion, a 20-minute energetic and low-impact seated exercise class and a five-minute mindful meditation practice. Register at pgcmls.info/event/10127149.

Teen Action Group

Wednesday, May 1, 4:30 p.m., ages 13 to 18. Earn community service hours and make a difference in the community, gain friends from around the area, and be heard in the public library. Register at pgcmls.info/event/10356451.

Ride and Read

Thursday, May 2, 11 a.m., ages 16+. Sign up for an hour-long ride on one of the library's stationary bikes with free apps such as Libby, Kanopy and Freegal. Participants must be wearing loose-fitting clothes and closed-toed shoes. Register at pgcmls.info/event/10369468.

Greenbelt Chess Club

The Greenbelt Chess Club meets on the second, third and fourth Tuesday of the month, May 14, 21 and 28. The meetings take place in the Greenbelt Youth Club from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. The club welcomes people of all ages and skill levels.



Arts Center Presents A Man of No Importance

Through special arrangement with Music Theatre International, Greenbelt Arts Center will present A Man of No Importance for four weekends, opening April 12 and closing May 4.

Alfie Byrne is a bus conductor in 1964 Dublin whose heart holds secrets that he can't share with anyone but his imagined confidante, Oscar Wilde. When he attempts to put on an amateur production of Wilde's Salome in the local church hall, he confronts the forces of bigotry and shame over a love "that dare not speak its name." But the redemptive power of theater changes his life and brings his friends back to his side.

Directed by Julia Arbutus, based on the 1994 Albert Finney film, with music by Stephen Flaherty, lyrics by Lynn Ahrens and book by Terrence McNally.

Content warning: A Man of No Importance contains depictions and themes of violence and homophobia and includes slurs and strong language that may be upsetting to some viewers.

Tickets are required and may be purchased online or at the box office.

Senior Nutrition Program Luncheon

The Senior Nutrition Food and Friendship program provides lunch for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at 11:30 a.m. Note the updated start time. Meals must be reserved two weeks ahead so that enough food is ordered. Participants must complete a registration form in person at the Community Center office, on Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. There is a suggested donation. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215 with questions.

Two menu options, one vegetarian, will be offered for each luncheon. All meals, which provide at least one third of recommended dietary allowances for older adults, include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk.

Community Groups To Gather May 4

The Prince George's County Peace & Justice Coalition is hosting a meeting at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center on Saturday, May 4 from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. to connect various community action groups. Those who want to connect with like-minded individuals who are actively working toward positive change in Greenbelt, whether in environmental conservation, social justice, education reform or any other heartfelt cause, won't want to miss out on this event.

From 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., a representative from each group will speak for three minutes about the work they're doing. It's an opportunity to showcase each initiative, connect with potential collaborators and gain support for these activities.

Skill-sharing workshops will take place between 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Attendees are encouraged to bring a skill to share. The Peace & Justice Coalition will share advice about how to hold successful hybrid Zoom meetings. For more information, contact Daniel Thies at thies.daniel@gmail.com.

GARF Offers Showing Of "Periodical" May 3

The well-reviewed feature documentary Periodical, an eye-opening film about science, beauty, politics and the stigma associated with menstruation, will be shown at the Community Center, Room 202, on Friday, May 3 at 7 p.m. Sponsored by the Greenbelt Alliance for Reproductive Freedom (GARF) and Planned Parenthood Metropolitan Washington (PPMW), this is the culminating event of GARF's annual April collection of period products for women and girls who cannot afford them.

A brief discussion, led by Andrea Augustine and Aleia Mays of PPMW, will follow the film.

The showing is free, but donations of menstrual products will be accepted.

Shred-It Event

Saturday, May 18, from 8 to 11 a.m. bring your unwanted paper documents to be shredded for free at the 2024 Greenbelt Shred-It Event. The event will take place at 112 Centerway.

Music, Vendors, Crafts At Green Man Festival

Join the fun at the Green Man Festival on Saturday, May 11 and Sunday, May 12 at Roosevelt Center. There will be Drum Circles both days. Bands will be playing all day, including DragonSong, the local Greenbelt HONK!Situation, the Funicular Project, Kiva, Zedicus & Abyssinia Roots, Batala and Totally Bowie. In the evening, music continues inside the New Deal Café both days, with Soulfied Village and the Supernational Sound System.

There are over 40 vendors, crafts for kids, info booths, a Green Man Parade, food, roving entertainers, face painting and family fun both days. Bring family and friends. Dress as your favorite fairy, green being, butterfly or creature. All free. For more information, visit greenmanfestival.org.

The festival is a project of CHEARS (Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society).

GCC Clothing Drive April 27 and 28

The Greenbelt Community Church will collect clothing, small hard goods and books on Saturday, April 27 from 9 a.m. to noon and Sunday, April 28 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Place soft goods in plastic bags, hard goods in boxes that one person could carry and books in their own boxes. Oversized items cannot be accepted. Donations will be taken to Value Village, which pays the church. The church uses the funds to help local charities. The church is located at 1 Hillside Road. For questions, contact Greenbelt Community Church office at greenbeltucc.org.

Annual Greenbelt-Beltsville Garden Club Plant Sale

The annual Greenbelt-Beltsville Garden Club Plant Sale will take place Saturday, May 4 from 9 a.m. to noon in the Roosevelt Center parking lot. Roaming Stone will be sharpening tools and knives for a fee. Reel mower blade sharpening will not be available. The sale will take place rain or shine.

Ladies Auxiliary GVFD Bake Sale on May 5

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department is having a bake sale at the Co-op Supermarket ramp on Sunday, May 5 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come visit the popular bake sale tables. There will be lots and lots of homemade baked goodies just waiting for you.




May 15 Deadline for SHA Recreational Trails Grants

The Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (SHA) is accepting applications for two grant programs designed to expand bicycle and walking opportunities throughout the state. Applications for both the Transportation Alternatives Program and the Recreational Trails Program are being accepted through Wednesday, May 15.

Transportation Alternatives Program projects enhance mobility and accessibility including bike and pedestrian facilities, restoration of historic transportation buildings and conversion of abandoned railway corridors to pedestrian trails. The Recreational Trails Program benefits construction, enhancement, repair and maintenance of land- and water-based recreational trails and trail-related facilities for motorized and nonmotorized use.

The application deadline is 11:59 p.m. May 15. For more information on the process and eligibility criteria, visit <https://onestop.md.gov/forms/mdot-tap-rt-p-fy25>.



Greenbelt Access Television


Apr. 27, Sat - May. 3, Fri
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THIS WEEK on GATE • Your Community Access Station

Featured Film (9am, 3pm, and 8pm)
Of Human Bondage (1934)
Leslie Howard plays Philip, a sentimental man who finds himself in a toxic, cyclical romance with a disinterested Mildred, played by Bette Davis. If nothing else, this film is a must-see for Davis' harrowing portrayal of such a deeply morally complex character.

New This Month
The Solar Eclipse in Greenbelt
Tune in to see our coverage of the solar eclipse from April 8th! Greenbelters share their thoughts on the phenomenon from Roosevelt Center and the Observatory.

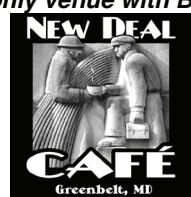
All this and more on the GATE channel this week! Check greenbeltaccessstv.org for the full broadcast schedule, and visit [Greenbelt Access Television on YouTube](#) for new video productions.



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TH 4/25	FRI 4/26	SAT 4/27	SUN 4/28	
FRENCH CONVERSATION, 5:30p - 6:30pm Frenchy and the Punk 7-9pm Post-punk	Built 4 Comfort 7-10pm Led by NDC Music Coor. Liz Springer! Sassy & Soulful	JAZZ JAM, 2-5pm The Bob Band 7-10pm Bob Dylan tribute band	DEAF BRUNCH, 1030-NOON Kim's Grand Rounds - A Songwriters' Circle 6-8pm A circle of performers showcase their songs	
MON 4/29	TUES 4/30	WED 5/1	TH 5/2	SPECIALS!
Suzanne Brindamour 7-9pm Original folky-pop	Open Mic w/ Matt Severson 6:30-9:30 Sign ups at 6:15pm	The Campfire Sessions 7-9pm A monthly listening room	FRENCH CONVERSATION, 5:30p - 6:30pm Wolf's Blues & Sit-In Jam 6:30-10pm Sit in & Jam!	HAPPY HOUR 4-7pm \$1 OFF BEER AND WINE WINE WEDNESDAY \$1 OFF PER GLASS \$5 OFF A BOTTLE

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Obituaries

Marie Christy



Marie Catherine Christy

Marie Catherine Christy died at the age of 94 on April 1, 2024, at the Doctors Community Rehab Center where she had resided for the last three years after a fall in her home at Green

Ridge House. She was born on August 27, 1929, in Clinton, Penn., to Rose Poletto and Michael Lullo. She was the third youngest of 10 children.

In 1954, Marie moved to Maryland where she met her husband, Theodore Charles Christy. They were married at St. Hugh's Catholic Church on June 13, 1964. They resided on Research Road for many years. In October 1968, their son Anthony (Tony) was born.

Marie enjoyed playing bingo, cards and watching the Pittsburgh Steelers and Washington Commanders football games on television.

Marie was preceded in death by her parents, siblings and husband. She is survived by her son Tony, nephew Charlie and his wife Sue and other nieces and nephews.

PORCH Food Pickups

The remaining April food pickups are as scheduled below.

Sunday, April 28, by 4 p.m. for Boxwood Village, 9 and 12 Courts Ridge Road and 11 and 13 Courts Ridge Road.

Sunday, April 28, by 4 p.m. for P.A.L. (PORCH at large) members (including former Woodland Hill donors). Contact Robert Goldberg-Strassler at spreadruak@gmail.com by noon on April 28 and he will come to your porch.

Sunday, April 28, by 5 p.m. for Lakeside Drive.

Leave donations of nonperishables and hygiene products by the front door, marked RUAK or PORCH and visible from the street. Ensure donated items have not expired.

Volunteers who would like to expand Greenbelt PORCH to additional neighborhoods in Greenbelt are always welcome, particularly for the Greenbelt East area. Anyone with questions or who is interested in being a volunteer or starting a new neighborhood for monthly food collection, contact Goldberg-Strassler at spreadruak@gmail.com.

Yarn Donations Please

Gifts from the Heart is a group of knitters and crocheters meeting Fridays from 10 a.m. to noon at the Community Center. Every year they donate hundreds of hats, scarves, shawls, blankets, walker bags and baby items to schools, churches, nursing homes, Project Linus and other organizations. Donations of acrylic yarn are welcome and may be dropped off when the group meets or at the Community Center office during business hours.

Bra and Menstrual Products Collection

The drive to collect menstrual products and new and gently used bras, sponsored by the Greenbelt Alliance for Reproductive Freedom (GARF), continues through Tuesday, April 30. Drop off donations anytime at bins in eight locations: Co-op Supermarket, Aquatic & Fitness Center, Community Center, Youth Center, Springhill Lake Recreation Center, New Deal Café, Choice Clinical Services and the Granite Building.

New or gently used bras of any size or type and new sealed menstrual products are in high demand. Gently used bras means clean, no large stains, broken clasps or straps, holes, stretched out elastic, smoke smell even after washing, missing underwire or underwire poking through. Other items such as period panties, menstrual cups and new underpants in unopened packages are also needed.

GIVES Needs Drivers

The Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES) is an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization that helps adult Greenbelt residents with transportation and friendly visits, along with other services. More drivers are urgently needed to meet the increase in requests for services. To be a driver for GIVES, one needs to be a resident of Greenbelt, a member of GIVES, have a valid Maryland license and insurance and obtain a free background check. Membership is free. For information or an application, call 301-507-6580 or visit givesgreenbelt.org.



A huge thank you to our local police, who were first on the scene at Schrom Hills Park on Friday, bringing their trained skills in trauma to aid the shooting victims.

Congratulations to Greenbelter and USDA scientist Dr. Jay Evans on being named a 2023 Fellow by the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Council for his outstanding scientific contributions and leadership in the field of agriculture, food and renewable resources. Evans, one of two scientists named 2023 Fellows, was honored for his exceptional work in arthropod genomics, social insect biology, pollinator health and insect pathology, with a focus on honey bee immunity and pathogens.

Send details of your news to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.

City Notes

Museum staff welcomed the National League of Cities' 100-year anniversary roadshow with guided tours of the Museum and Roosevelt Center.

Code Enforcement billed three businesses and three residents for false alarms, and re-inspected Charlestowne North Apartments.

After one adoption and one return, Animal Shelter residents are 10 cats, five kittens, five dogs, a rabbit and a snake.

Public Works repaired potholes and, at the Aquatic & Fitness Center, spot-welded the outdoor pool gutter.

The Community Center accommodated the Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program's Diaper/Produce Distribution, a blood drive, Girl Scouts, Concert Band, Community Orchestra, Writers Group, Peace and Justice Coalition, Volksmarchers and 20 rentals.

Arts offered a felting workshop and an Art Share. Therapeutic Recreation took Active Aging participants to the Publick Playhouse.

Park Rangers supported Arbor Day events by Public Works and CHEARS, and increased patrols at Schrom Hills Park.

CARES and nursing students presented a health fair at Springhill Lake Recreation Center. More than 50 families received information and screenings.

Obituaries

The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present.

You write it or we will if you prefer. We try to include information about participation in various activities and organizations, where the person lived and something about the family. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.

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 - Sat vigil 5pm*
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— Universal House of Justice



Greenbelt Bahá'í Community

www.greenbeltbahais.org

The Bible Says...

"Love your enemies and
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Matthew 5:44



Sunday Worship Services

10a-11:15a @ Greenbelt Elementary School
(66 Ridge Rd.)

MCFcc.org

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April 28, 2024 at 3:00 pm
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May we live in peace and dance together in joy.

Streaming to our Facebook page, on Zoom and in person at 3:00 at:
University Christian Church, 6800 Adelphi Road, Hyattsville, MD



City Information & Events

The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.

MEETINGS FOR APRIL 29 - MAY 3

Monday, April 29 at 7:10 pm, **ADVISORY BOARD INTERVIEW**

Monday, April 29 at 7:30 pm, **BUDGET WORK SESSION - PUBLIC SAFETY**

Tuesday, April 30 at 7 pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, On the Agenda: Minutes of March Meeting, Planning for Student Awards**

Wednesday, May 1 at 7:30 pm, **WORK SESSION - GREENBELT CENTER CITY HOAs/COAs**

Wednesday, May 1 at 6:30 pm, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD, On the Agenda: Approval of Agenda/March 20 Minutes, Council Liaison Updates, Discussion on Permit Application to Install 110' Temporary T-Mobile Tower at 211 Ridge Road (WSSC/Water Tank Property)**

Thursday, May 2 at 7 pm, **FOUR CITIES MEETING**

In advance, the hearing impaired are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email banderson@greenbeltmd.gov. This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call (301) 474-8000. For information on public participation for the meetings above, visit the meetings calendar at www.greenbeltmd.gov/calendar.

CURRENT CARES PROGRAMS

CARES is happy to provide the following programs FREE of charge:

- Dementia Friendly America Webinars, May - June.
- Emergency Diaper Distribution. Must register.
- Produce Distribution at the Greenbelt Community Center, Ground Floor East, 15 Crescent Road
Upcoming Dates: May 16, from 1 - 3 pm
- Produce Distribution at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Ln (Greenbelt West Residents Only)
Upcoming Dates: May 16, from 3 - 4:15 pm

For descriptions and information, visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/CARESprograms and see ads on this page!

WALKING FOR WELLNESS 2024

Saturday, May 18, 9 am
Buddy Attick Park Lake

May is observed as Mental Health Awareness Month. Help the Greenbelt Police Department raise awareness and provide support for those in our community. Join us for a delightful spring walk around Buddy Attick Park Lake. Enjoy the fresh air and other smiling faces.

Vendors for this event should arrive by 8 am.

The Wellness Walk will begin at 9 am, but walkers and runners are encouraged to start arriving by 8:30 am.

Sponsored by the Greenbelt Police Department.
550 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD. (301) 474-7200.

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY NORTHERN SECTOR DEMENTIA FRIENDLY AMERICA WEBINARS

May - June, 2024, Thursdays 7-8 pm, Virtual via GoToWebinar

May 2: Nutrition for Older Adults

May 9: Living with a Serious Illness
Join us as we discuss misunderstandings and myths about serious illnesses that make it difficult for patients to receive the appropriate medical support.

June 6: The Positive Path Towards Demential Aware End of Life Care
Join us as we discuss affirming responses to raise Dementia awareness..

June 13: A Place for Dad: One Maryland Caregivers Journal

For more information or to register, please contact Brendy Garcia at (240) 424-0302 or bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov. In partnership with CARES, Dementia Friendly America, the Department of Family Services, and Prince George's County.

DEI AUDIT SURVEY FOR PHASE II

Call all Greenbelt residents! Please complete a brief questionnaire for phase II of the DEI Audit. Your input will help us plan various town halls and focus groups for Phase II of our Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion audit.

Visit <https://forms.office.com/r/eWt3XN0LDZ>.

GREENBELT RECREATION'S SPRING ACTIVITY GUIDE

www.greenbeltmd.gov/activityguide

Registration currently open. Sign-up today!

Be on the look out as our Summer Activity Guide is coming soon.

ELECTRONICS & STYROFOAM RECYCLING

Saturday, April 27, 9 am - 12 pm
Public Works Facility, 555 Crescent

Electronics Recycling - Accepted: CPUs, monitors, keyboards, mice, printers, laptops, recording equipment, speakers, scanners, surge protectors, cameras, telephones, radios, DVD players, VCRs, fax machines, wires, power cords. NO - ALKALINE BATTERIES or CFLs; NO - TUBE TVs.

Expanded Polystyrene - White, block Styrofoam #6. NEW: egg cartons and food trays!

NO PAINT RECYCLING IN APRIL.

Contact Public Works at (301) 474-8004.

FREE PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION

UPCOMING PRODUCE DISTRIBUTIONS MAY 16 - TWO LOCATIONS

Community Center Ground Floor East: 1 pm, while supplies last. Open to all Greenbelt residents. **Must have a registration card** via Brendy Garcia at (240) 424-0302 or bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov.

Springhill Lake Recreation Center: 3 - 4:15 pm, registration required. For Greenbelt West residents only. Register via email bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov.

NATIONAL BIKE TO WORK DAY 2024

MAY 17, 6:30 - 8:30 AM
Parking Lot of Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center, 101 Centerway

Commuter Connections and the Washington Area Bicyclist Association invites you to join over 16,000 area commuters for a celebration of bicycling as a fun, eco-friendly, low-cost commuting option and it provides both physical and mental health benefits. The Greenbelt Pit Stop will be one of 100 Pit stops in the regional area.

Register at biketoworkmetrodc.org;
Pit Stop Manager: Di Quynn Reno, dquynnreno@greenbeltmd.gov (240) 542-2053.

EMERGENCY DIAPER DISTRIBUTION

Open Registration

Please remember that you must register each month.

Parents must present proof of Greenbelt residency displaying parent's name and residential address, state-issued photo ID, each child's birth certificate.

To register: <https://forms.gle/LdwT7v5deVQJctMa6> or call Brendy Garcia at (240) 424-0302.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION

Volunteers are needed every third Thursday of the month at the Spring Hill Lake Recreation Center & the Greenbelt Community Center. Volunteers will assist with setting up tables, sorting and organizing fresh fruits and vegetables, and distributing them to families in need.

Springhill Lake Recreation Center Volunteers - For information, contact Katherine Farzin (240) 524-2019.
To register, please use the link: <https://forms.gle/AqNxCARjwioCntWf9>.

Greenbelt Community Center Volunteers - For more information, contact Flora Li (301) 412-2480.

GREENBELT ARPA GRANT PROGRAMS

Applications Deadlines Extended Through August 30, 2024

To better assist Greenbelt individuals, families, and businesses affected by COVID-19, Greenbelt's ARPA programs have extended deadlines through the end of the year for grants and other assistance.

Grants include:

- Childcare Vouchers, Healthcare Vouchers, Higher Education Scholarships
- First-Time Homebuyer Downpayment Assistance, Workforce Development
- Micro Grants, Tree Canopy Grants

To view grant programs, or to see how other ARPA programs are helping your community recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, visit www.engagegreenbelt.org.

FEATURED PET SAVANNAH

Adopt Me Today!
Call (301) 474-6124.

This gorgeous 3-year-old, female diluted calico was found in a nearby neighborhood after a local resident called to report her sighting. Savannah is a very gentle, sweet gal who loves affection, sunbathing, and chasing cat string toys. She is on the hunt for her new family and is now available for adoption.

If you're ready for her purrfect cuddles, please ask about her today!

Call (301) 474-6124 or email animalcontrol@greenbeltmd.gov!

GREENBELT CITY CALENDAR

Be sure to check out the City calendar for all up to date events at www.greenbeltmd.gov/calendar.

COMMITTEES & BOARDS VACANCIES VOLUNTEER TODAY!

Volunteering for City of Greenbelt Committees & Boards is an excellent opportunity to engage with your community and make a difference. Choose from a number of committees & boards such as the **Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, the Youth Advisory Committee, or the Advisory Committee on Education, Arts Advisory Board, Board of Elections, Community Relations Advisory Board, Employee Relations Advisory Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, or the Park and Recreation Advisory Board** and make a difference in Greenbelt!

By dedicating your time and expertise, you will help shape the future of Greenbelt and create a community that values the voices of all its residents. Take the first step towards making a positive impact and apply for one of these committee vacancies today!

Call (301) 474-8000.

ARTFUL AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS SPRAY AND PAINT

Sunday, May 5, 1 - 4 pm, Greenbelt Community Center.

Spray paint art workshop, Art Studio Open House and Sale, plus a Chinese dance concert!

Info & Sign-up: <https://bit.ly/4axwZn4>.

WELCOME KIT STUFFING PARTY

Thank you for all your donations for the 2024 Welcome Kit! We will be hosting a stuffing party at the Municipal Building located 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 on

THURSDAY, MAY 30, 2-4 PM.

Contact candrews@greenbeltmd.gov for more information & to attend!

BRING YOUR OWN BAG ORDINANCE

Effective January 1, 2024, the City of Greenbelt's Bring Your Own Bag bill aims to reduce single-use plastic bag waste and litter in our local waterways and tributary system.

The Bring Your Own Bag bill will prohibit a retail establishment from providing a plastic carryout bag to shoppers and can charge at least 10 cents for each paper bag provided to a customer at the point of sale.

Visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/BYOBag.

Greenbelt Scientist Jay Evans Elected AAAS 2023 Fellow

Two scientists with the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Agricultural Research Service (ARS), including one from Greenbelt, have been named 2023 Fellows by the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS).

Dr. Jay D. Evans, of Greenbelt, an ARS research entomologist, and Dr. Martin Williams, an ARS research ecologist, were named Fellows in a vote by the AAAS Council in recognition of their scientific contributions and leadership in the organization’s Agriculture, Food and Renewable Resources section.

AAAS has awarded the Fellows distinction since 1874. Past honorees include inventor Thomas Edison, anthropologist Margaret Meade and current USDA Under Secretary and Chief Scientist Chavonda Jacobs-Young among others. Along with other new AAAS Fellows, Evans and Williams will be recognized at a September 21 Fellows forum at the 2023 AAAS Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C.

“We’re immensely proud of these two very deserving scientists,” said ARS Administrator Dr. Simon Liu. “Their recognition by the AAAS is a testament to the scientific excellence they’ve demonstrated in tackling critical agricultural challenges, including helping farmers manage weeds in the face of climate change and keeping honey bees – our crops’ top pollinators – healthy and safe.”

Evans is a lead scientist in ARS’s Bee Research Laboratory in Beltsville and was recognized for distinguished contributions to the fields of arthropod genomics, social insect biology, pollinator



ARS Entomologist Jay Evans is a 2023 Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

bee health in the face of diseases such as chalkbrood and parasitic mites, as well as developing new pest management tools. He was also a leader in the Honey Bee Genome Project and helped develop new genetic tools for bee breeding and disease diagnostics, as well as investigating safe medicines for bees. He has mentored dozens of students, promoted greater awareness of bee health and served the USDA and bee industry in various capacities. He is the recipient of ARS Early Career (2003) and Senior Scientist (2023) awards, among others. Evans earned a bachelor’s degree from Princeton University and a Ph.D. in genetics and behavior from the University of Utah. He and his wife, Francisca, lived in Greenbelt for 15 years before leaving to run a bee and

PHOTO COURTESY JAY EVANS

sheep hobby farm, while also commuting to their day jobs. Evans told the News Review they are now “happily back and enjoying reconnecting with great friends and community.”

Evans joined the ARS Beltsville Bee Lab in 1999, first as a research entomologist and later serving as its research leader for seven years. Throughout, his research has focused on improving

health and insect pathology – in particular, studies of honey bee immunity and pathogens.

This article is based on a press release from USDA’s Agricultural Research Service.



PHOTO BY KATHRYN BEARD

Turtles share a log with a frog at the Lake.

Golden Agers Enjoy Annual Luncheon and Serenade

by Donna Peterson

The Greenbelt Golden Agers held their Annual Luncheon on April 17 at the College Park Holiday Inn and a wonderful time was had by all. The menu was delicious as usual and the entertainment was fantastic. They were serenaded by TGIF (John, Debbie, Karl, Mike and Barbara).

Everyone enjoyed trying to guess the names and the original singers of the songs they played. There were speakers including Mayor Emmett Jordan. Golden Age Club members look forward to this wonderful event every year.




The band TGIF serenades attendees at the Golden Age Club luncheon on April 17.

- Photos by Donna Peterson



Members enjoy the Golden Age Club luncheon.





GHI Bicycle Committee
Annual Bicycle Spring Social

This Saturday!
It's the GHI Bicycle Committee Annual Bicycle Spring Social!

Attend and meet fellow Greenbelt bicyclists in an ongoing series of GHI Bicycle Committee social events. The program takes place this **Saturday, April 27 from 1:00 to 3:00pm** (rain date: May 4) and will include:

- A basic *Get-Your-Bike-Ready-For-Spring-Riding* demo by Graham Squire, certified bicycle mechanic with REI, Washington, D.C.;
- A short update and q&a with Jeff Lemieux of Proteus Bicycles on the Greenbelt East Trail (for a primer, go to proteusbicycles.com, click on ABOUT, then ADVOCACY); and,
- A discussion on the How-To's of bicycle backpacking, city and rural, by committee member Rebecca Squire.

The event takes place at the GHI Building, 1 Hamilton Place, adjacent to the bicycle repair station. Light refreshments will be available. And there will be **SWAG**, as well as **DOOR PRIZES** awarded to ten lucky attendees!

Engage and meet with other local cyclists, and find out more about the GHI Bicycle Committee. **We want to hear from you!**
See you on Saturday!

Contact: John Campanile
Chair, GHI Bicycle Committee
jbelltower@yahoo.com

Annual Greenbelt-Beltsville Garden Club

PLANT SALE

Saturday, May 4, 2024
9am – Noon
Roosevelt Center Parking Lot
Centerway in Greenbelt, MD
Rain or Shine



Roaming Stone will be sharpening tools and knives

\$7 Knives – \$10 Scissors (Excluding hair/grooming shears)
\$10 Hedge Shears, Pruners – \$11 Axes, Shovels, Spades, Edgers
\$10 Mower Blades (must be removed)

We do not offer Reel Mower Blade Sharpening

Greenbelt Marks Earth Day: Removing Invasive Species

by Butch Hicks

On Saturday, April 20, as a celebration of Earth Day, volunteers and Public Works staff came together to rejuvenate the forest understory in Buddy Attick Park by removing invasive species and planting native trees and shrubs.

According to earthday.org, climate and environmental literacy, coupled with strong civic education, will create jobs, build a green consumer market and allow citizens to engage with their governments in a meaningful way to address the climate crisis.

On an ongoing basis, Greenbelt is engaging in green projects intended to create visual pleasure and a healthy environment that helps reduce global warming through various community organizations, including the Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Ad-

visory Committee on Trees and Greenbelt Community Garden Club, among others.

Greenbelt also seeks environmental partnership with county, state and federal organizations such as the Prince George's County Climate Action Plan, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Geological Survey.

The city is taking additional steps to reduce global warming by upgrading buildings to make them more energy efficient, adding more electric vehicles to the city's vehicle fleet and continuing to communicate with and educate the community on global warming issues and solutions.



Greenbelt city councilmembers joined community volunteers celebrating Earth Day by replacing invasive vegetation with native plants. Environmental Coordinator Kevin Driscoll-Carpenter (far left) said that without competition and without disease, invasive plants are taking over spaces that our native plants (which other species rely on) would normally occupy.



In celebration of Earth Day, Environmental Coordinator Kevin Driscoll-Carpenter (second from right) joined community volunteers on April 20 pulling invasive weeds and plants and replacing them with native vegetation.

- Photos by Butch Hicks



Against the backdrop of forest greenery, Mayor Emmett Jordan, right, thanks volunteers for their participation and espouses the importance of keeping the green in Greenbelt. At left are Councilmembers Silke Pope and Jenni Pompi.

Rabid Raccoon in College Park Leads to County Health Alert

The discovery of a rabid raccoon in neighboring College Park has caused Prince George's County to issue an alert and ask for the public's help identifying anyone who may have been exposed.

On Thursday, April 11, the raccoon was seen appearing very ill and weak and was captured alive by the county's Animal Services Division in the 5200 block of Iroquois Street in College Park. On April 15, the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) confirmed that the raccoon tested positive for rabies.

MDH seeks the public's help in finding individuals who may have had contact with the raccoon in that area between March 27 and April 11. Anyone who believes they had contact or knows someone who did should call MDH immediately at 301-583-3750.

"Rabies is a life-threatening disease that is prevented by starting post-exposure treatment as soon as possible," says Dr. Matthew D. Levy, Prince George's County health officer. "Rabies is transmitted through the saliva of an infected animal, usually through a bite or scratch. The best way to prevent exposure to rabies is to avoid contact with unfamiliar animals and ensure household pets are vaccinated for rabies. Community members should report unusual animal behavior and avoid handling or feeding unknown animals in their community."

When a person is bitten or exposed to the saliva of a rabid animal, the disease is prevented by administering four doses of the rabies vaccine over 14 days, with a dose of rabies immunoglobulin given at the beginning of treatment.

Each year, approximately 900 Marylanders receive preventive treatment after exposure to a rabid or potentially rabid animal.

To prevent exposure to rabies:

- Do not approach, handle or feed stray dogs and cats, and enforce and follow leash laws.
- Teach children to stay away from wild animals and animals they do not know.
- Vaccinate dogs, cats and ferrets against rabies and keep the vaccinations up to date.
- Do not leave pets outside unattended or allow them to roam free.
- Cover garbage cans tightly, and do not leave pet food outside; this may attract wild and stray animals.
- Wear gloves when handling an animal that has been in a fight with another animal. Keep it

away from people and other animals and call your veterinarian or local health department to report the animal exposure.

Use window screens and chimney caps and close any openings greater than ¼ inch by ½ inch to prevent bats from entering the home. Bats found in the home should be safely collected, if possible, and tested for rabies.

If bitten or exposed to an animal that may be rabid, take the following steps:

- If it is a wild animal, try to trap it if it can be done safely.
- If the animal must be killed, try not to damage the head.
- If it is an owned animal, get the animal owner's name, address and telephone number.
- Report exposures to local animal control agency, health department or police.
- Immediately wash the wound well with soap and water; if available, use a disinfectant to flush the wound.
- Get prompt medical attention.
- Consider treatment if a bat was present and exposure cannot be reasonably ruled out (for example, a sleeping person awakens

to find a bat in the room, or an adult sees a bat in the room with an unattended child, a person with an intellectual disability or an intoxicated person).

To learn more about rabies in Maryland, including rabies surveillance statistics and efforts to prevent and control the disease, visit the MDH website: pha.health.maryland.gov/OIDEOR/CZVBD/Pages/rabies.aspx.

This article is based on a press release from Prince George's County.





EARLY VOTING

starts May 2

Human-powered amphibious works of art!

(not all are musical)




Baltimore Kinetic Sculpture Race


Saturday
4 May 2024

KineticBaltimore.com
website by Tom Jones

Wilma the Wombat
Photo by Andy Carruthers



A MAN OF NO IMPORTANCE



Only 2 weekends left!


APRIL 12 – MAY 4

Fri + Sat (8pm)
Sun (2pm)*

Book by **TERRENCE MCNALLY**, Music by **STEPHEN FLAHERTY**, lyrics by **LYNN AHRENS**, and based on the film "A MAN OF NO IMPORTANCE." Directed by Julia Arbutus, produced by Greenbelt Arts Center, musical direction by Johanna Alonso.

A MAN OF NO IMPORTANCE is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.mtishows.com

*In order to accommodate our immunocompromised patrons, facemasks are required for the Sunday 4/28 matinee.



GREENBELT ARTS CENTER

Recreation and Black History Win Culture Committee State Award

by Anna Bedford-Dillow



From left, Greg Varda, director of the Greenbelt Recreation Department; Dr. Lois Rosado, chair of the Greenbelt Black History and Culture Committee; and Anne Oudemans, city liaison and assistant director of Greenbelt's Recreation Programs

Greenbelt Recreation and the Greenbelt Black History and Culture Committee have been awarded the Maryland Recreation and Parks Association's (MRPA) Innovative Program Award. This award is presented to an individual or organization for an innovative program or event that promotes the recreation and leisure services profession and helps to meet the leisure needs of their community. It was presented to Greenbelt Recreation and the Black History and Culture Committee for their series of events and activities hosted throughout Greenbelt during the month of February to celebrate Black History Month.

"It's an honor to have been selected from among the many innovative programs throughout the State of Maryland," said Anne Oudemans, Greenbelt's assistant director of Recreation Programs. "The Black History and Culture Committee members dedicate countless hours every year to provide fantastic programs here in Greenbelt, so it's very nice to have their efforts recognized."

Each year Greenbelt's Black History Month program sees a month-long series of events, including art exhibits and workshops, film, history, cultural events and other diverse programming, as well as honoring four significant African Americans that visitors learn about when they visit the recreation facilities (for more about this year's Black History Month programming see the January 25 issue). The programs are a collaboration between Greenbelt Recreation, the Greenbelt Black History and Culture Committee and community groups, like Greenbelt's Golden Age Club, which hosts the Female Re-enactors of Distinction (see the February 22 issue for a review of this year's FREED performance). Greenbelt also offers special activities to commemorate Juneteenth and Emancipation Day.

Stephen Parks, supervisor of the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center, also serves on the

Awards Committee for MRPA's Recreation and Leisure Services Branch (one of the association's three branches). The committee begins soliciting nominations for their annual awards at the end of the summer and the application period continues until February. "We get submissions from all over the state," said Parks, who is one of five members who assess the nominations to select two winners for each category. The Innovative Program Award is one of the most competitive, Parks told the News Review.

Lois Rosado, chair of the Greenbelt Black History and Culture Committee, and Vice Chair Joe Parks said the committee is honored to be selected. "The committee works hard to present uplifting, educational and entertaining programs to the Greenbelt community during Black History Month and in celebration of Emancipation Day. We greatly appreciate the continued support and guidance our committee receives from the Greenbelt Recreation Department," Rosado and Parks told the News Review.

Greenbelt Assistance in Living Serves a Quarter of all City Seniors

by Cathie Meetre

In addition to discussions of the overall budget for Greenbelt CARES (see story on page 9), newly-promoted Assistant CARES Manager Christal Batey, with CARES Manager Dr. Liz Park, explained the Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) budget and activities for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 to council.

Senior Care

Batey explained that GAIL is focused toward senior care, and noted in response to a question from resident Claudia Jones that of the approximately 24,000 to 26,000 residents (estimates differ), some 8,100-plus were over 55 and officially senior and of these, between 2,500 and 3,000 individuals receive services either regularly or episodically during any given year. Staffers keep in touch with individuals who have received services, giving those who don't like to ask for help the opportunity to mention a need without feeling shy. Interns help with this outreach contact.

Green Ridge House

GAIL provides a grant-paid assistant coordinator for Green Ridge House, which is owned by the city but administered through the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and supported by funds from the state. The coordinator expenditure has been moved (without any overall cost change) into the GAIL budget to simplify accounting with HUD. William Orleans asked how much support was afforded to Green Ridge House residents and was informed that four hours a week of light support was provided by grants and included, for example, some personal care, light house-keeping and similar provisions. In response to Orleans' follow-up question about whether residents were summarily thrown out of the facility if they weren't inde-

pendent enough, Batey was quick to point out that staff worked with residents and families to find placement that would be safe and appropriate if it was felt that the facility no longer offered sufficient support for them.

Budget Impacts

Reductions in budget may necessarily result in some people being on a waitlist for non-urgent health services, commented Batey, but her staff – though slightly down in number – understands the priorities and accepts reassignment flexibly to keep this at a minimum. They understand that resources should go where the need is greatest and refocusing to tackle what's needed at any given time. Batey mentioned wryly that everybody's job description included the words "and duties as assigned."

Communications

As Greenbelt becomes more diverse, GAIL must communicate in multiple languages to its clients. As it stands, staff have fluency in French, Arabic and Spanish and additional effort and recruitment focus is being put into acquiring more language skills, particularly Spanish. Greenbelt also has a program that regularly

communicates by phone with residents who request contact, which complements related but differently delivered county and state programs.

Crisis Team

GAIL is involved with the city's Community Crisis Interdisciplinary Team comprising the police, Greenbelt Homes Inc., code enforcement and Greenbelt Interfaith Leadership Association. Meeting regularly once per month and as needed to respond to specific situations, they use the team's wide range of capabilities to link people to resources – a one-stop shop. These may include dealing with hoarding (a recently increasing issue, perhaps related to Covid fears) or health issues, job loss or emotional and social problems.

Outlook

Batey was optimistic that with creativity, seeking additional available funding and careful management of resources GAIL would weather the ramp-down of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. CARES as a whole is also assisting those whose positions were ARPA funded to find alternatives.

Wild Bee Festival At Patuxent Center

The National Wildlife Visitor Center at the Patuxent Research Refuge invites everyone to celebrate Maryland's native bees and flowers on Saturday, May 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Learn about our native bees from the experts, receive native-plant gardening advice, enjoy nature walks and talks, crafts and seed-planting at this family-friendly event. The Center is located at 10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop, off Powder Mill Road south of Md. Route 197.

Calling All Artists

Friends of New Deal Café Arts needs artwork for the Green Man Festival Art Exhibit to be displayed in the New Deal Café in May and June.

The theme this year is Dragons of the Earth: Where Myth Meets Nature celebrating the Chinese Year of the Dragon.

Submit photos of artwork to artworksbymaryann@gmail.com no later than Monday, April 29.



Friends of New Deal Cafe Arts (FONDCA)

needs YOUR ART for the Green Man Art

Exhibit at the New Deal Cafe. This year

the theme of the Green Man Festival is

Dragons of the Earth: Where Myth Meets

Nature, celebrating the Chinese Year of

the Dragon. The Green Man Festival is a

celebration of Nature. Please submit

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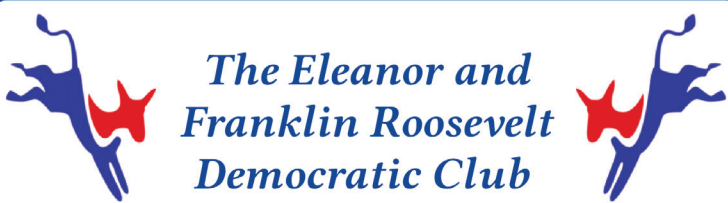
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Artful Afternoon

Chinese Dance Concert Celebrates Asian Pacific Cultural Heritage

by Rebecca Squire and Nicole DeWald

Celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month with a dance concert at the May 5 Artful Afternoon at the Community Center. The concert will enthrall all ages with both traditional and contemporary Chinese dance, including several pieces choreographed by Greenbelt Recreation Arts instructor Rose Qi. The performers include dancers from both Rose Qi Dance Arts and Gina Ling Chinese Dance Chamber. The concert takes place at 2 p.m. in the gymnasium. Admission is free and reservations are not required.

A native of Shanxi Province in China, Qi is an accomplished performer and choreographer, as well as a passionate teaching artist. Through dance, she has become a citizen of the world, performing at the Sydney Opera House, Kennedy Center Opera House, the China Greater National Theatre and other renowned venues. Her artistry often blends eastern and western styles, and centers both the joys and the complex social dynamics of women’s lived experience.

The selections Qi has prepared for the May 5 concert include, among others, a portrait of a Tibetan woman’s bucolic life on the grassland and a meditation on the painful sacrifice of women in China’s Shanxi Province who were separated from loved ones who had left their homes seeking economic opportunity. Qi says “most of my works are reflections of my own life, those around me and those events and emotions I know and feel intensely. Although my work is often personal, I have a passion for sharing to see if my choreography stimulates thought and appreciation from the audience for the stories and emotions behind the presentation.”

Qi is producing this concert in cooperation with the Greenbelt Dance Studio, a Greenbelt Recreation Arts program where she has been teaching Chinese and contemporary dance classes for youth and adults since 2022. Many residents will have fond memories of seeing family members perform Qi’s choreography in a Creative Kids Camp showcase, or in the New Deal Nut, the dance program’s signature Greenbelt-themed Nutcracker. Greenbelt Dance Studio Director Angella Foster remarks, “As a dancer, Rose moves with a warmth and elegance that inspires our young dancers, and her generous spirit makes it a joy for students of all ages to learn from her in the studio.”

Qi explores the potential of dance to promote personal affirmation and enhance cultural understanding. “I celebrate diversity in my classrooms,” Qi comments, “since so much dance movement is influenced by culture and experience. I try to establish a teaching environment and develop experiences where difference is highly valued. I have seen how the dance arts can promote an atmosphere of acceptance and understanding of others as well as motivate students to share unique concepts and assimilate different perspectives.”

Contributions to the program by Gina Ling Dance Chamber



Symphony of Red Fans dance performed by Gina Ling Chinese Dance Chamber



Rose Qi teaches a Classical Chinese Dance class at the Greenbelt Community Center.

will include a number of pieces celebrating the beauty and symbolism humans find in nature, as well as their shared responsibility for environmental stewardship. Audience members will be introduced to an ibis and a mischievous green snake, as well as delighting in cherry blossoms and traveling to the waterfront.

In addition to the dance concert, the Artful Afternoon will also include an Art Studio Open House and Sale, and a free hands-on spray paint art workshop, both happening between 1 and 4 p.m. Learn more about all the day’s events at bit.ly/4axwZn4. Advance registration is recommended for the workshop.

The Greenbelt Community Center is located at 15 Crescent Road. City of Greenbelt arts programs are supported in part by the Maryland State Arts Council. For more information, visit greenbeltnmd.gov/arts.

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ARPA Funding Ends, CARES Reacts Creatively to Adjust

by Cathie Meetre

Budget discussion in the April 15 Greenbelt City Council work-session focused in part on Greenbelt CARES plans for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025. Other city activities are addressed in separate stories.

In attendance for CARES, the city’s social services department, were Christal Batey and Dr. Liz Park. Park recounted how the CARES mandate has expanded over the years since its inception in the 1970s. It now covers youth and family services; Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) which provides services to older residents; multi-generational services which include English as a second language, GED classes and tutoring; and specialized classes such as anger management which are available to all Greenbelters regardless of age.

Outcomes

Success rates and utilization for CARES programs have shown strong performance with the provision of services having grown in both number and success indicators over the last few years. For example, GED programs went from 35 to 72 participants from 2022 to 2023 with an increase in the percentage who completed the program from 35 to 55 percent and formal counseling clients increased from 132 to 191. Eviction relief requests totaled 459 in 2022 and 456 in 2023. Youth requests for alcohol and drug abuse service requests went from 12 to 20 over the two-year period.

Staffing Projections

Staffing stands at 17.1 full-time equivalent positions for FY 2024 and 16.6 for FY 2025. Despite the reduction, the level of service remains similar. Park

offered Batey kudos on her promotion to assistant director of CARES. Park noted that staff taken on with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, mostly to assist in distribution of ARPA rental assistance programs, are being supported in obtaining new positions, as was understood from the start. Park is searching for alternative funding, noting that there’s plenty to be done.

Direct Impacts

With the end of ARPA, CARES will no longer support the emergency case manager, a senior mental health counsellor and the part-time community health coordinator for the nursing program. Capital Area Food Bank support will continue but assistance for multiple other food distribution programs which were ARPA supported will be discontinued. These include the St. Hugh’s and Restoration Church food pantry programs and Meals on Wheels.

Reduction in Interns

During Covid, the number of interns – especially in nursing-related programs – escalated to 59 and this will be cut back as ARPA ends due to limitations on funding for intern supervision. Council understood the need to try to keep the coordinator for these programs.

Coordination of volunteer food distribution and other similar services will remain supported. Batey spoke of the food distribution channels still supported by the department, for which they are in the process of preparing a survey of those served.

She explained that the city

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Police, Berwyn Heights Police and Maryland State Police responded to calls for crowd control at the park. Officers were walking into the park when they heard gunshots ring out, said Bowers. The officers went to where the gunshots were coming from, which was the area of the Schrom Hills outdoor pavilion, and treated it like an active shooter event. There they found five teenagers who had been shot.

The victims range in age from 16 to 18 years; all are male. Two of the teens that were shot attend Bowie High School, two attend Dr. Henry A. Wise High School and one attends Largo High School.

The victims were taken to local hospitals. One, a student from Bowie High School, was in critical condition. By Saturday afternoon three of the victims had been released from the hospital and the teen in critical condition had been upgraded to stable, following surgery. The two that remain hospitalized are Largo High School and Bowie High School students.

Officers on the Scene

City Manager Josué Salmerón said it was fortunate that officers were already on the scene on Friday. “I feel that the incident was prevented from getting worse because we already had law enforcement on the site; we had over 20 officers already on the scene ... They were setting up to monitor the event because there were just too many young people there to disperse and close down the park.... Within minutes of their arriving and setting up the shooting happened, and they immediately jumped in to provide aid.” All Greenbelt police officers are trained in trauma first aid. Medical responders were delayed in reaching the victims for 20 minutes due to the traffic exiting from Schrom Hills in the aftermath of the shots.

At the time of the gunshots “the entire five to six hundred people in the park all began to flee out toward Hanover Parkway, the adjoining roadway, and we believe at that time that the individual suspect left with that group of people,” said Bowers, who told the News Review that police believe they are looking for only one suspect in the shooting. They also believe the shooter to be of a similar age to the other people at the party. “It’s really concerning that you have a group of kids in a park, and it turns violent like this,” he said. “It’s really just a senseless, unnecessary tragedy. These five young men have been wounded and they’re going to have to deal with the consequences of this for the rest of their lives, and their

families, and my heart goes out to them. I’m a father; I have two kids just a little bit older than that and so I can’t imagine my kids being involved in something like that when they were in high school. It’s really tragic that this happened and unfortunate,” Bowers told the News Review.

School Violence

Jonathan Briggs, PGCPs School Board Member for District 2, called the shooting “alarming.” “My thoughts and well wishes are with the families at this difficult time and, as a school board member, this event has reminded me of the ever growing need to address youth mental health and safety in our county. No parent should have to worry about whether their child will come home from school and this event is a reminder that there is so much more to be done at our schools and in our communities to support youth along the way,” he told the News Review. The county’s schools have seen increasing levels of violence in recent years, including an attempted murder on a school bus in May 2023 and the murder of a DuVal High School student in September after she tried to intervene in a fight between two groups of local students after school. This school year PGCPs mandated clear backpacks for high school students and installed metal detectors at the entrances to high schools.

Park Monitoring

Bowers said the police did not know Skip Day was going to happen. However, Schrom Hills Park is regularly monitored by the city’s Park and Recreation Department and park rangers patrol the park on an hourly basis. “We did not know that it was going to occur and we do everything we can to monitor that particular park,” said Bowers. “In less than about 40 minutes time, the park was empty and then it was full,” he said. Bowers said the police are not generally aware

of when these events happen. In the past there have been similar Skip Days or even just nice days when students have decided to go to a park and there’ve been no issues to speak of, said Bowers. “You know, you get a couple of hundred kids in the park with water guns, they have a good time and they leave and go home, and that’s what I believe today was planned to be. There are water guns in the park that some kids had brought with them, and unfortunately it turned tragic,” he said. On Friday evening, Bowers told the News Review the police were already in contact with school security and working with them.

Beyond Greenbelt

“We’re going to explore ways of how we keep better visibility and vigilance over these large gatherings,” said Salmerón, who said the city would be speaking with surrounding law enforcement agencies to see how they can better coordinate messaging about large gatherings and large groups of people moving.

Asked how the city is responding to youth violence, Bowers said, “It’s not anything just the police department can do, not anything that just the Rec Department can do or our social services program. It takes everyone starting with the kids, mom and dad, the school system, the police department, [and] the Rec Department. And the other thing too is the City of Greenbelt is a small municipality; we only have 25,000 residents in the city. We’re inside of a county of a million people. So, it extends beyond the borders of what Greenbelt can do, it’s what can everybody in the county do and what can everybody in the state do? And really, we have to start educating our kids. It starts with our kids; getting them to think in a different way. How do you resolve issues rather than resorting to firearms, and then going from there,” said Bowers. “It always



Greenbelt Police cars block the entrance of Schrom Hills Park on the afternoon of April 19.

starts at home,” he said. “A lot of times you have kids that are just ... beyond mom and dad’s control and then how do the schools step in, how do government services step in, where do we all fit in to get these kids the help that they need to be able to be productive?”

“I think legislation is failing our kids,” said Salmerón. “We decriminalize certain activity but we’re not funding youth development and at the same time we’re not providing enough safeguards around the ownership and acquisition of weapons,” he said in an interview with the News Review. “And how can we do it when we have so many states that abut each other with such varying policies? It’s difficult to do. Our borders are ephemeral,” said Salmerón.

Ongoing Investigation

Police now seek witnesses in the attempted murder of five young people. However, the Juvenile Interrogation Act may hamper what evidence police can gather. “We’re prevented from even speaking of anybody suspected of a crime under the age of 18,” said Bowers. “It really does limit what you can do in a follow-up investigation,” he said. Police are unable to ques-

tion a juvenile without parental consent and if a juvenile witness makes a statement they need a parent or guardian to sign off on it before it can be considered an official one. Some parents don’t want their children involved in an investigation or even to admit they were present, said Greenbelt Police Department’s Ricardo Dennis. He said the department has reached out to the community and is asking them to please send evidence to help in this case. “If you have video please send it,” he said. “Video is great because we don’t need juvenile questioning.” Anyone with information or an eyewitness account or video of the party that could aid the investigation is urged to call 301-474-7200. Email anonymous tips to CRIMETIPS@GreenbeltMD.gov. Police have also set up a QR code for people to submit information through.

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Greenbelt Police Department reported one death, one domestic with arrest, two sexual assaults (one involving CPS/Child Protective Services) and a call to CPS.

Property Alarm/ Warrant Arrest

On April 21 at 8:51 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, officers responded to an alarm and found a man inside a store. He ran but was caught and arrested. He was identified and there was a warrant out for him.

Robbery

On April 16 at 6:34 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, a man was walking when two people grabbed him from behind and stole his wallet and ID.

On April 18 at 4:09 p.m. near 6148 Springhill Terrace, a boy and his friends were walking home from school when a group tried to rob him. One youth grabbed him, but he pushed back and ran home.

DUI

On April 21 at 3:28 p.m. near 5800 Cherrywood Terrace, while a group of people were fighting and drinking, one man began to drive on the sidewalk. Officers stopped the vehicle, finding an open beer and several empty beer cans in the car. The man declined a field sobriety test and was arrested for DUI.

On April 20 at 9:56 p.m. near Greenbelt Road, a vehicle was slowly weaving and straddling the dotted white line. The driver smelled of alcohol but said he'd had nothing to drink, despite a whiskey bottle in his cup holder. He consented to a sobriety test, and was arrested on suspicion of DUI.

On April 17 at 2:34 a.m. near Kenilworth Avenue and Greenbelt Road, a man with a strong odor of alcohol was unconscious behind the wheel, and his speech was slurred and incoherent. He was arrested on suspicion of DUI.

Break-in

On April 18 at 10:37 a.m. near 32 Crescent Road, an employee noticed that the air conditioning unit in his office had been replaced with a different unit, but neither the staff nor the property manager knew who had done it.

Disorderly

On April 16 at 12:45 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, a person with known mental health problems was picked up by their guardian after causing a disturbance; a woman also creating a disturbance had an outstanding warrant and was taken to the Department of Corrections.

Theft

On April 15 at 3:21 p.m. near 7569 Greenbelt Road, a store security camera recorded a man stealing cash from an employee's purse.

On April 18 at 2:52 p.m. near 101 Centerway, a woman left items in a locker secured with a combination lock; when she returned, the lock had been cut and her belongings were gone.

On April 19 at 1:05 p.m. near 6207 Springhill Court, a delivery driver delivered a takeout order; the resident took the food, closed the door and refused to pay for the order.

On April 19 at 4:00 p.m. near

6100 Greenbelt Road, two shopping carts full of merchandise were stolen. Loss prevention also listed several more incidents.

On April 20 at 3:34 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a repeat offender stole an electric bike.

On April 21 at 11:13 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a suspect involved in several thefts was identified using police databases; all the recorded thefts will be charged together as a theft scheme.

Threats Complaint

On April 16 at 7:59 a.m. near 99 Centerway, tennis players were threatened by a man shouting obscenities and saying he would physically harm them.

Fraud

On April 15 near 8116 Mandan Terrace, a credit line was opened fraudulently. On April 16 near 7800 Emilys Way, a woman filed her taxes and the refund was switched to a different bank account. On April 17 near 18 Ridge Road, unauthorized purchases were charged to a credit card.

On April 17 near 7929 Mandan Road, a woman received an email at work instructing her to buy ten \$250 gift cards for employees. The woman bought the gift cards, and after emailing the numbers, discovered it was a scam. The woman spoke to the FBI, and her bank said she would not be reimbursed even though she had been deceived because she willingly bought the gift cards.

On April 17 near 230 Lastner Lane, a buyer sent money to purchase an item online. The seller claimed they never received the funds so the buyer sent money again. The item was delivered to the residence, and the seller insisted they had not received the payments.

On April 20 near 6 Ridge Road, a woman was locked out of her cellular account, and her access and phone number were removed. Apple watches and iPhones were purchased in New

Jersey on her account. Her bank account was also missing money.

Vehicle Crimes Stolen Vehicles

Two vehicles were stolen: April 17 near 6000 Greenbelt Road, a black 2009 Hyundai (Md. 2AD2291); and April 20 near 9125 Springhill Lane, a gray 2008 Hyundai Santa Fe (Md. 5FH4545).

Stolen Vehicle Located

On April 17 near 6122 Breezewood Drive, a vehicle was found that had been stolen from Arlington, Va.

Theft from Auto

Tags were stolen April 17 near 6938 Hanover Parkway (rear tag), and near 7307 Hanover Parkway. On April 20 near 5993 Springhill Drive, a rear tag was stolen.

On April 17 near 9166 Edmonston Road, a rear window was broken out and items were stolen; near 8300 Greenbelt Station Parkway, a vehicle was broken into and credit cards were stolen and used; and near 8213 Mandan Court, a Rav4 was broken into and items were stolen; the neighbor's doorbell camera footage recorded a man wearing all black opening the vehicle door and fleeing on foot.

Four unlocked vehicles on April 19 had items stolen: near 5919 Cherrywood Terrace, carpentry tools; near 5346 N Center Drive, a wallet; near 7017 Mathew Street, gift cards; and near 8300 Greenbelt Station Parkway, two suspects were caught on camera entering an unlocked vehicle and leaving with items.

Vandalism

On April 20 at 3:14 p.m. near 6207 Springhill Court, a cab driver and customer began to argue and the driver told the customer to exit the vehicle. The customer refused and threw items, got out, hit the side mirror and broke it.

On April 21 at 9:21 a.m. near 6002 Springhill Drive, a vehicle window was smashed with a rock.

April 30 Is Deadline For Craig Scholarship

The David Craig Memorial Scholarship Fund (DCMSF) Board chooses an Eleanor Roosevelt High School senior each year to receive a scholarship for tuition assistance in continuing higher education. The value of the award is currently \$12,000 paid over four years (\$3,000 per year). To be considered for this year's scholarship, fill out and submit the application form through davidcraigmsf.blogspot.com by April 30.

The award recipient is recognized for academic standing, with greater emphasis given to those qualities that David possessed: active involvement in religious community, leadership in civic community and participation in individual and team sports.

The DCMSF formed in 1986 in response to David Craig's untimely death in February 1984. Its first recipient was chosen from the Eleanor Roosevelt class of 1987 and the scholarship award has continued at David's alma mater for the past 38 years.

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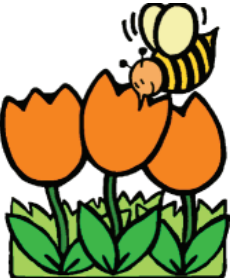
On Saturday, April 27 from 9 a.m. to noon, Public Works will hold Electronics and Styrofoam Recycling at the Public Works Yard, 555 Crescent Road.

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new water tower and the temporary monopole removed. Dwyer noted that the pole was ugly but fortunately temporary.

The Process

The equipment now on the water tower will first be transferred onto the monopole, with an impact on T-Mobile service of probably two days. During the two days of transfer at the start and end T-Mobile customers and those using Mobile Virtual Network Operators (MVNOs) that also use its service (carriers that don't have their own wireless networks) can expect to be impacted. For example Google Fi uses T-Mobile among other networks and Mint relies on it exclusively. The monopole itself is assembled horizontally, with the antenna bolted on around a frame at the top. The pole is then flipped up to the vertical and raised into position section by section using a crane. It is taken down with the same process in reverse.

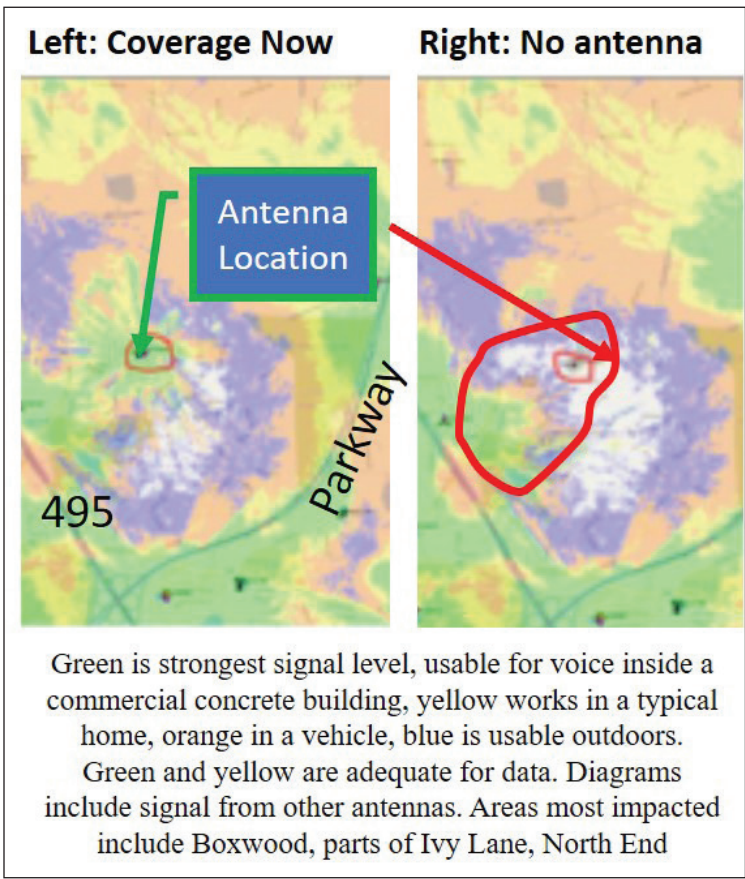
The T-Mobile antenna is the only cell device now on the water tower and Dwyer pointed out that if T-Mobile cannot make this temporary arrangement, cellphone signal to the local area will be seriously impacted for several months (see coverage maps). T-Mobile is the only cell service with an antenna in that location. City Director of Planning and Community Development Terri Hruby said that city equipment now on the water tower will be removed prior to the WSSC construction.

In response to a question about security from a Julian Court resident, a temporary chain-link fence can be installed to keep people away from the base. Such requirements will be included in the permit specification by city planners working with NB+C.

Tower Mechanics

The tower is placed on a concrete pad necessitating an approximately five-foot-high wooden retaining wall, and is held in place by a heavy ballast (not a foundation dug into the ground). Councilmember Silke Pope requested that attention be paid to adequate ballasting given recent weather trends and Dwyer reassured her that specifying this was a critical part of the planning process.

The temporary tower is taller than the 80-foot-high tank so that the signal isn't blocked by either the current or the new towers and can reach subscribers nearby. Once the water tower



T-Mobile cell phone coverage with or without temporary antenna

work is completed, the antenna will be mounted back on the tower. Work on the water tower is expected to last about six months but the start date is not yet defined. In response to questions by Councilmember Danielle McKinney, Dwyer assured her that T-Mobile will notify users of anticipated disruptions in service in advance.

Environmental Impact

No trees will be lost though some trimming is likely. About 20 to 30 cubic yards of soil will be disturbed and an approximately 30-foot-square area of crushed stone laid during the project. Both will be restored as defined in the permit.

Right-of-Way Traffic

Concerns were raised both by Councilmember Rodney Roberts and resident Michael Hartman about access to the site by heavy equipment and also continuous access to private property along the right-of-way. Dwyer noted that the antenna work would rarely result in more than a single crew except during the two periods when the crane will add and remove the temporary tower and that access would be dealt with in their formal application. He also said that previous experience with similar temporary towers indicates that construction impacts generate few if any complaints. He reminded listeners, however,

that he was speaking only for the T-Mobile monopole part of the project and not for WSSC's operations.

Other Questions

Numerous additional and technical questions had been received and these were referred to the Planning Board's April 17, 6:30 p.m. meeting, which Dwyer agreed to attend. When Mayor Emmett Jordan said that there were several questions relating to radiation, Dwyer pointed out that Federal Communications Commission regulations forbid his commenting on matters concerning radiation from a cellphone antenna, though he did reiterate that the antenna on the monopole is the same one that is now on the water tower and that the additional height off the ground will actually reduce any signature at ground level.



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building systems are operated and maintained efficiently over the long term, protecting the government's investment."

To date, appropriations for the project have totaled \$850 million.

Rationale for Greenbelt

In summarizing the location, the GSA states in its report, "GSA determined Greenbelt to be the best option for the FBI and the United States government because the site is the lowest cost to taxpayers, provides the greatest transportation access to FBI employees and visitors, and gives the government the most certainty on project delivery schedule. The Greenbelt site also provides the highest potential to advance sustainability and equity. The land, located at the Greenbelt Metro-rail Station, in Prince George's County, Maryland, is owned by the State of Maryland and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA)."

Site Selection History and Controversy

The GSA selected the Greenbelt site on September 30, 2023, says the report. It was announced November 9, 2023, after a search that spanned 14 years (see the November 16, 2023, News Review). On November 30, 2023, the Office of the Inspector General of the GSA initiated an "evaluation" to assess the process and procedure for the site selection, after Virginia lawmakers and FBI Director Christopher Wray, all of whom preferred a Springfield, Va., location, cried foul because the GSA ignored a panel's recommendations (see the December 7, 2023, News Review). However, panel recommendations were disregarded earlier in the search, too, as one had ruled Springfield out from the finalists.



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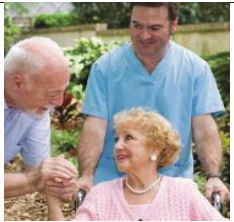
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PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Meetings of the GHI Board of Directors

on May 2, 2024

GHI Closed Meeting – starts at 7:00 p.m. - closed to members and visitors

- a) Approval of Minutes of the Closed Meeting held on February 15, 2024
- b) 2024 Contract for replacing Roofs and Gutters on frame Homes and Additions – 2nd Reading
- c) 2024 Contract for Spring Concrete Repairs
- d) Employee Health Benefits Comparison
- e) Legal Matter
- f) Personnel Matter

GHI Open Meeting – starts at 7:45 p.m. - open to members and visitors

- a) Statement of the Closed Meeting held on April 18, 2024
- b) Approval of Minutes of the Open Meeting held on February 15, 2024
- c) Discussion of EV Charging Stations
- d) Discussion of Open Meeting Start Time
- e) Discussion of NCB FDIC Overage Protection Options
- f) Financial Report
- g) Motion to Hold a Closed Meeting on May 16, 2024

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end of this month.

Addressing Neglect and Cruelty

Prosecuting animal cruelty cases is a tough decision. It frequently means holding an animal for the duration of the case, which can be months and months, as was the case for one dog at the shelter, Apollo (see last week’s News Review). It means the animal occupies a space for months that could have been used by other animals. It’s also not always fair to the animal, especially coming from a difficult situation, says Rivas-Flores. If they had more space, they might be able to prosecute more cruelty cases but currently they have to make decisions about how egregious the situation is and what best serves the animals. The animal shelter used to be under Parks and Planning but because Animal Control does so many investigations and worked so closely with the Police Department, it made sense for them to be moved under that department. They aren’t sworn officers, notes Rivas-Flores, but they are law enforcement to a certain extent. “We can investigate; we can impound; we can press charges. We can cite people for civil and criminal animal abuse, neglect, things like that.”

Fostering

The shelter restarted its fostering program in January. That too needs staff time, though, because every fostered animal has to be kept up with. “I just do as much as I can,” says Rivas-Flores, “even though I want to do more, because fostering, it definitely saves lives.” They’re expanding the program bit by bit, he says.

Volunteers

There are only three animal control officers right now, two of whom are full time and one recently started and is on-boarding. “We are all responsible for handling animal control, and everything that goes along with the shelter, the cleaning, the adoption programs. I mean, the list is just huge, as how much it takes to run a place like this,” says Rivas-Flores. “And our volunteer program is really what allows us to operate,” he says. In January, there were three volunteers and now the shelter has close to 40. Every month or two there’s a new volunteer orientation. There are background checks, followed by home visits and individual training. Rivas-Flores has to train every single volunteer. “So people always ask us, ‘When is your next volunteer orientation?’ I don’t know yet because I’m still working through the last folks. But when we’re ready, we’ll post it on our social media.”

The Animals

When I entered the shelter, I first walked past the dogs in six side-by-side kennels. One would be adopted that week. Another was sick with a cough. In good weather they get to take turns spending some time outside.

The first room I entered was the isolation room, where there were newly admitted cats about whom little was known. First, they are scanned for a microchip, and they’re given flea and tick medication, they’re advertised, a flyer goes out, and if no one comes to claim them after five days they’re considered abandoned.

In this room I was immediately greeted by a beautiful Russian Blue cat called Major Tom.

He wasn’t in cages like the other new cats; he wasn’t new. He and two other cats were left behind by their owners with no food or water in a house. Animal Control sees it quite a bit where owners leave their homes and leave the animals behind there, said Rivas-Flores. Major Tom has Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) so he’s only adoptable to a home with no other cats or with cats with FIV, which spreads through deep wound bites or intercourse. Major Tom isn’t a fighter, but he would pick up the two little cats he was found with and carry them around by the scruff of their necks, as a dad cat would. In the end he was separated from them for fear he might puncture their skin accidentally while carrying them. “He’s a great cat. He’s a really good cat,” enthused Rivas-Flores as Tom encircled my ankles and came back for more petting.

“We have a lot of wonderful volunteers that socialize all these animals. So, they’re pretty used to people,” said Rivas-Flores. This proved true even of the rabbit, Aubrey. Aubrey was left between the gates of the shelter. He’d dug his way out by the time Rivas-Flores arrived and found him on the sidewalk, but he ran back in, afraid when he saw a person approaching. Rivas-Flores carried him inside in his sweatshirt. “He’s a great rabbit. He acts a lot like a dog, where you can just pet him and, you know, as long as you’re sweet and soft, he’s a lovely little guy and he’s not scared of people.”

“They are prey to most animals, so they’re a little bit more skittish, which is why I think having a relationship with a rabbit is extra special – everything wants to eat them; they’re always scared,” said Rivas-Flores. “Normally they won’t just let you do that. Normally they’ll try to figure out how to get away from you,” he told me as I stroked Aubrey.

There are two other community rooms for the cats. In those they can cohabitate and interact. There’s a “catio”, small cubbies for napping and even a cat bridge donated to the shelter by Greenbelt Girl Scout Troop 23007. (See the April 20, 2023, issue for a story about the girl scouts and the cat bridge they made.)

Big Plans Ahead

Rivas-Flores has been a Greenbelt animal control officer since September 2022. In January he became supervisor. He has big plans. “We’ll get there a day at a time,” he says, “but I do want to make this place a community establishment once again, so people can come here, see that we do help ... and feel proud about their itty-bitty little shelter.... I always joke around, ‘You know, since the pandemic, this place has been like Willy Wonka’s chocolate factory. We need a golden ticket to get in here. Like no one knows anything about it.’”

Find Your Shelter Pet

Look forward to some exciting announcements from the Animal Shelter in the coming weeks and months and visit their adoptable animals’ profiles to see the lovely group of dogs, cats and one adorable rabbit and a snake who are looking for their homes (from the Government page on the city website go to Animal Services, then to Animal Shelter and Adoptable Pets to get a link



Skittles looks down from a perch near the cat bridge.



Aubrey is an affectionate and friendly rabbit. Having a relationship with a rabbit is extra special, says Rivas-Flores.



Cats enjoy their loft hangouts on shelves and in cubbies in one of the community rooms.

to the animal profiles). This reporter was so in love with several of the animals that Rivas-Flores threatened to check my bag on the way out. If you’re interested in adopting your own shelter pet, you can visit by appointment. Call 301-474-6124 or email animalcontrol@greenbeltmd.gov.



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program has no qualifiers in terms of income and does not impact other food-related benefits, like SNAP and WIC, adding extra support for families on other benefits. She noted that many families are beneficiaries of multiple city programs, including food, diapers and other support.

Youth, Families

The city’s Youth and Family Services Bureau is one of only seven across the state (down from 21 two decades ago). The original goal was to prevent juvenile delinquency and help youth succeed in school and life. Over time, the city has expanded services to adults and then seniors. An ongoing new expense in this area is the cost of a new web-based computer system which

will facilitate data collection on outcomes of participant intervention and therapies, resulting in improved insights into program success and client outcomes.

Translation Services

Recent needs have required sign language interpretation for several families and Spanish language is also a growing need – with one employee qualifying and another bilingual employee anticipated shortly.

Eviction Relief

The city’s rental assistance funds from ARPA are exhausted and requestors are referred to the Greenbelt Interfaith Leadership Association or to the Prince George’s County program. The city is still receiving four to five rent aid and eviction requests per week and refers them to the much larger and still-funded county program but can provide some help with legal and food aid. Both individuals and landlords can apply to the county programs and Franklin Park is currently working on an application on behalf of some 20+ residents.

Bicycle Committee Hosts Annual Spring Social

Attend and meet fellow Greenbelt bicyclists in an ongoing series of GHI Bicycle Committee social events. The program takes place on Saturday, April 27, from 1 to 3 p.m. (rain date: May 4) and will include a basic get-your-bike-ready-for-spring-riding demo by Graham Squire, certified bicycle mechanic with REI, Washington, D.C.; a short update and Q&A with Jeff Lemieux of Proteus Bicycles on the Greenbelt East Trail (for a primer, go to proteusbicycles.com, click on About, then Advocacy); and, a discussion on the how-to’s of bicycle backpacking, city and rural, by committee member Rebecca Squire.

The event takes place at the GHI Building, 1 Hamilton Place, adjacent to the bicycle repair station. Light refreshments will be available. And there will be swag, as well as door prizes awarded to 10 lucky attendees. Engage and meet with other local cyclists, and find out more about the GHI Bicycle Committee.

For more information email John Campanile, chair, GHI Bicycle Committee at jbelltower@yahoo.com. See also the ad on page 6.



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Belle (Paige Tinsley) poses with, from left, Rhett Britten, an unidentified participant and Allegra Jewell.



Participants pose for a group photo at the Royal Brunch.



Princess Tiana (Kayleigh Jones) holds Cash Rousseau.



Snow White (Elena Argueta) dances with young admirers.



Mary Lou's Garden Party

by Sandy Rodgers

The weather was gray and a bit chilly for Mary Lou Williamson's Garden Party on Sunday, April 21, but that didn't stop admirers who streamed through all afternoon basking in the beauty of the spring flowers in her spacious garden. They toured the grounds, admired the panoply of colors and many plant varieties and enjoyed snacks and drinks in between. Mary Lou, covered with a warm blanket, sat in a chair on a new paved area at the top of the garden greeting everyone as

they arrived. Visitors wandered the paths that meandered down the yard all the way to the lake. Some, including immigrants from Afghanistan who have been here just 10 months, saw the sign at the gate in the Lake path, which is there to keep out beavers, not people, said Mary Lou. People sat on benches near the centerpiece of the garden – a large pool with a burbling waterfall – perfect for relaxing and chatting. A marvelous time was had by all. Thank you, Mary Lou.



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Children enjoy the garden party.



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Azaleas are among the many blooming plants in Mary Lou's garden.



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Mary Lou's garden backs onto the Lake.



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Visitors take a break to chat during their tour of the garden.